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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

This Office Action is in response to applicant's amendment filed on November 30, 2006. Claims 1-31 and 36-44 have been cancelled. Claims 45, 49-53, 55, 57-62, 64, 66, 67, 69-73, 75-78, 80-85 have been amended. Applicant's comments pertaining to claims 45, 55, 66, and 74 have been carefully considered and acknowledged. The claims, as amended, are deemed allowable.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Dilip Kulkarni on February 21, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 32, 86 and 87.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 33-35, 45-85, and 88-90 are allowed.

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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the art of record when considered alone or in combination neither renders obvious a would treatment apparatus comprising all of the elements as recited in independent claims 33, 45, 46, 54, 55, 65, 66, 67, 74, and 76.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

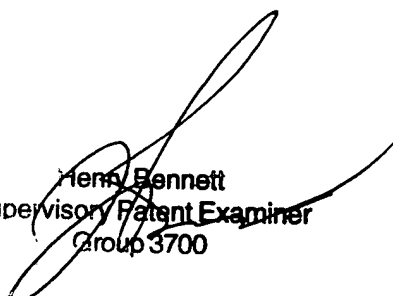
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Camtu T. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-499. The examiner can normally be reached on (M-F) 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry A. Bennett can be reached on 571-272-4791. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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